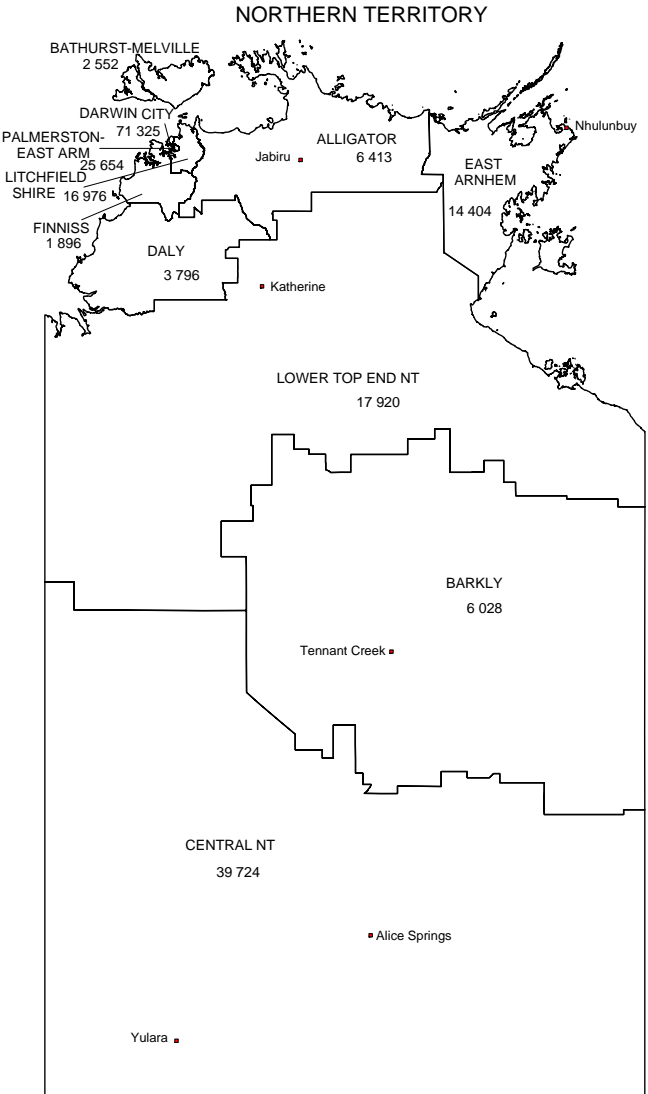




*2007* Northern Territory  
at a glance

The Northern Territory (NT) comprises a land area of 1,346,200 km<sup>2</sup>. It is the third largest of the states and territories after Western Australia and Queensland, yet it has the smallest population and the lowest population density. The population is relatively young and highly urbanised with a significantly higher proportion of Indigenous people than other states.

Darwin City, with a population of 71,325, is the commercial and administrative centre of the Territory. The adjacent municipalities of Palmerston City and Litchfield Shire have populations of 25,654 and 16,976 respectively and, when combined with Darwin City, give a total capital city population of 113,955. Alice Springs is the largest regional population centre and is the base for significant tourism activities in the Central Region.



June 2006 Estimated Resident Population(p) for Statistical Subdivisions

CLIMATE

		Darwin	Alice Springs
Mean annual rainfall	mm	1 713.9	285.5
Mean annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.2
max	°C	31.9	28.7
Mean annual relative humidity			
9.00 am	%	72	43
3.00 pm	%	54	25
Highest daily rainfall 544.6mm was recorded at Roper Valley Station in 1963.			
Highest monthly rainfall 1,252.1mm recorded at Redbank Mine Station, Jan 2003.			
Highest maximum temperature 48.3 °C was recorded at Finke in 1960.			
Lowest minimum temperature –7.5 °C was recorded at Alice Springs in 1976.			

DEMOGRAPHY

Estimated Resident Population (30 June)		2005r	2006p
Darwin City	no.	70 190	71 325
Palmerston	no.	24 485	25 654
Litchfield Shire	no.	16 504	16 976
Katherine	no.	9 031	9 022
Tennant Creek	no.	3 031	3 068
Alice Springs	no.	26 928	27 018
Northern Territory	no.	203 404	206 688
Indigenous Population (Census counts)		1996	2001
Darwin City	no.	5 723	5 983
Palmerston	no.	1 466	2 346
Litchfield Shire	no.	980	944
Katherine	no.	1 623	1 898
Tennant Creek	no.	1 517	1 176
Alice Springs	no.	3 911	4 252
Northern Territory	no.	46 277	50 785
Vital Statistics		2004	2005
Births	no.	3 551	3 659
Rate per 1,000 population		17.8	18.0
Deaths	no.	893	985
Rate per 1,000 population		4.5	4.8
Marriages	no.	777	774
Rate per 1,000 population		3.9	3.8
Divorces granted	no.	434	470
Rate per 1,000 population		2.2	2.3

CONSTRUCTION

Building approvals		2004–05	2005–06
Total new houses	no.	675	677
Total new other residential building	no.	702	623
Total residential building	\$m	363.8	396.1
Total non-residential building	\$m	275.4	424.1
Total building	\$m	639.3	820.2
Building completions			
Total new houses	no.	510	634
Total new other residential building	no.	533	432
Total residential building	\$m	261.8	317.1
Total non-residential building	\$m	191.1	270.0
Total building	\$m	452.9	587.1

EDUCATION

		2005	2006
Primary and secondary schools	no.	181	181
Teaching staff (full-time equivalent)	no.	2 910	2 976
Full-time students	no.	37 373	37 580

## LABOUR

### Labour Force (trend estimate)

		Jan 2006	Jan 2007
Employed persons	no.	97 600	102 100
Unemployed persons	no.	6 700	2 600
Unemployment rate	%	6.4	2.5
Participation rate	%	70.0	68.6
Labour force	no.	104 300	104 700
Civilian population aged 15 years and over	no.	148 900	152 700

### Average Weekly Earnings

		Nov 2005	Nov 2006
All males total earnings	\$	993.40	975.50
All females total earnings	\$	664.30	724.80
All employees total earnings	\$	829.60	847.90

## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

		Nov qtr 2006
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	no.	3 040
Mining	no.	1 520
Manufacturing	no.	2 860
Electricity, gas and water supply	no.	1 180
Construction	no.	8 300
Wholesale trade	no.	2 850
Retail trade	no.	12 450
Accommodation, cafes & restaurants	no.	7 130
Transport and storage	no.	4 430
Communication services	no.	2 260
Finance and insurance	no.	1 710
Property and business services	no.	11 200
Government administration & defence	no.	10 440
Education	no.	8 070
Health and community services	no.	11 070
Cultural and recreational services	no.	5 330
Personal and other services	no.	7 530
<b>Total</b>	<b>no.</b>	<b>101 380</b>

## OVERSEAS TRADE

### Value of NT imports from

		2005	2006
France	\$m	846.2	538.4
Singapore	\$m	462.1	512.2
Thailand	\$m	112.0	270.1
Kuwait	\$m	165.0	149.8
Viet Nam	\$m	0.7	132.3
Japan	\$m	112.8	117.9
Malaysia	\$m	55.1	79.6
China	\$m	37.3	59.2
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>2 095.5</i>	<i>2 866.3</i>

### Value of NT exports to

Japan	\$m	160.1	1 221.4
China	\$m	611.2	741.4
Singapore	\$m	238.1	439.8
Indonesia	\$m	137.2	259.0
United States of America	\$m	177.2	167.3
Canada	\$m	238.5	120.6
Hong Kong (SAR of China)	\$m	120.4	104.1
Korea, Republic of	\$m	36.3	77.2
<i>Total all countries</i>	<i>\$m</i>	<i>2 309.7</i>	<i>3 616.2</i>

## INTERNET ACCESS

		2004-05	2005-06
Households with home internet access	no.	34 000	35 000
Proportion with home internet access	%	61	60

PRICES — DARWIN

		2004–05	2005–06
Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989–90 = 100.0)		141.8	146.5
Established House Price Index (Base: 2003–04 = 100.0)		115.9	p137.8
Average Retail Prices — Darwin (cents)		Dec qtr 2005	Dec qtr 2006
Milk	2 litre	338	357
Bread, white loaf, sliced	650 g	323	351
Rump steak	1 kg	1 889	1 901
Potatoes	1 kg	265	296
Eggs — 1 dozen	600 g	351	359
Margarine, polyunsaturated	500 g	260	286
Coffee, instant	150 g jar	621	678
Draught beer, full strength, public bar	285 ml glass	300	297
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	129.5	126.4

PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

Agriculture		2005	2006
Live cattle exports	'000	218. 9	246.2
Live cattle exports	\$m	132.7	146.6
Meat exports	\$m	2.0	0.8
Fruit & nut exports	\$m	0.9	1.1
Vegetable exports	\$'000	57.9	281.4
		2003–04	2004–05
Total livestock slaughterings, disposals and products	\$m	241.4	251.3
Crops and horticulture	\$m	52.2	65.4
Total agriculture (gross value)	\$m	293.6	316.7
Fishing (estimated value of catch)		2003–04	2004–05
Prawns	\$m	71.0	63.9
Total of all species	\$m	130.4	119.4

MINERALS, OIL AND GAS

		2003–04	2004–05
Persons employed at end of June	no.	1 861	1 732
Wages and salaries	\$m	175	180
Value of production	\$m	1 962	2 783
Mineral exploration expenditure		2004–05	2005–06
Total mineral exploration (other than petroleum)	\$m	55.6	74.7
Gold	\$m	26.7	22.4
Uranium	\$m	6.9	19.1
Diamonds	\$m	5.2	6.8
Petroleum exploration	\$m	99.2	299.2

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION

Hotels, motels guest houses & serviced apartments (15 or more rooms)		Sep qtr 2005	Sep qtr 2006
Establishments	no.	95	94
Persons employed	no.	3 072	3 479
Takings from accommodation	\$m	60.9	68.6
Room occupancy rate	%	75.9	75.9

TRANSPORT

		2005	2006
Sales of new motor vehicles	no.	9 533	9 257
Motor vehicles on register (excluding motorcycles)	no.	106 423	110 065
Motorcycles on register	no.	3 396	3 950

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### SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS USED

°C	- degrees Celsius	p	- preliminary data
g	- gram	r	- revised data
kg	- kilogram	qtr	- quarter
km <sup>2</sup>	- square kilometres	%	- per cent
ml	- millilitre	'000	- thousands
mm	- millimetre	\$	- dollars
no.	- number	\$m	- millions dollar



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